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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 5 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1367th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	64th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	65th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7);

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47).

Open-ended informal consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m.	Conference Room 5

Continuation of the informal consultations on the draft proposal under item 157 conducted by H.E. Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila (Botswana) and H.E. Mr. John Campbell (Ireland).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/ 52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b)); and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

11 a.m.- 12 noon	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Consideration of the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.18 (item 97 (e)); A/C.2/52/L.21 (item 98 (c)); A/C.2/ 52/L.22 (item 98 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.25 (item 98 (e)); A/C.2/52/L.29 (item 98 (g)); and A/C.2/52/L.49 (item 97 (h))

12 noon- 1 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.2, L.2/Rev.1 and L.51

   (b) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24/Rev.1

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.26 and L.39

   (c) Science and technology for development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.3 and L.47

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97]

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.12 and L.38

   (c) Population and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.15 and L.43 (Programme budget implications in document A/C.2/52/L.50)

   (f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.27/Rev.1

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.4 and L.48

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.8

2. Sectoral policy questions [96]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.16 and L.40

   (b) Business and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.13

   (c) Food and sustainable agricultural development

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

   (a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1

   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18

   (g) Women in development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1

   (h) Human resources development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.31 and L.49

4. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   (a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.25

(g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29

5. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research [100]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32

6. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1998-1999 (A/C.2/52/L.45)

7. Suspension of the work of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors: (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research and (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.4, A/52/5/Add.5, A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II (Parts I-XII), A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27))

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	1st (closed) meeting (resumed)	Conference Room 8

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON PENALTIES

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports

2. United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT)

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place *today*, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 5 December 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding matters)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal meeting

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held *today*, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place *at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations*, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 8 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 66th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the second annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/52/582) [50].

2. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/343 and Add.1) [35].

3. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [45]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/344, A/52/554);

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/330);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.19/Rev.1, A/52/L.31).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Monday, 8 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and on Wednesday, 10 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1998, as well as a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998 (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1).

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COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on the preparations for the next session of the Commission on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

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Orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council from Monday 8 to Thursday, 11 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Training seminar

The Microeconomic and Social Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will organize a Training Seminar on the subject "Globalization and Taxation". The Seminar will be conducted by Prof. Altshuler (Columbia University/Rutgers University) on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B. Interested staff members are invited to attend.

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Presentation

Mr. John Vereker, Permanent Under Secretary at the British Government Department for International Development (DFID), will give a presentation on the British Government's White Paper "Eliminating World Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century" on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be presided by H.E. Mr. Stephen Gomerall, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Press Conference

The United Nations Development Programme will release a new discussion paper entitled, "Valuing Our Future: Cost-Benefit Analysis and Sustainability", at a press conference on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 1 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 - 21st floor). The author, Geoffrey Heal, Professor of Economics and Finance at Columbia University, Mr. Kenneth Ruffing, Officer-in-charge, Economics and Finance Branch, DESA, and Mr. David Roodman, Senior Researcher at Worldwatch Institute will present comments. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold an ad hoc expert group meeting on "Groundwater Management Perspectives: the distribution of environmental and socio-economic factors and the search for sustainable groundwater management" on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

A high-level briefing on the UNDP Trust Fund Project "Reintegration Support Scheme for Demobilized Soldiers in Mozambique" will take place on Thursday 11 December 1997, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Conference Room 8. The briefing, to be chaired by UNDP Administrator, will be on the conclusions, recommendations and "lessons learnt" from this project. It will be made to the Permanent Representatives of the donors and other Governments directly concerned. Other interested delegates, United Nations officials and non-governmental organizations may also attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 3 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3838th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Letter dated 22 November 1997 from the Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b)(i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1997/922)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/54).

Thursday, 4 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3839th meeting

The situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force pursuant to Security Council resolution 1110 (1997) (S/1997/911 and Add. 1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Germany, Italy and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1997/948, which had been submitted by Costa Rica, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Germany and Italy.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/948).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal, China, Japan, France, Sweden, Poland, Kenya, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Chile and the United States of America, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Costa Rica.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/948) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1142 (1997).

Following the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

3840th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 1111 (1997) (S/1997/935)

Letter dated 2 December 1997 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1997/942)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1997/951) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/951).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Egypt, Sweden, the Republic of Korea, Portugal, Chile, Kenya, Poland, France, Guinea-Bissau, Japan, the Russian Federation and the United States.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/951) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1143 (1997).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representative of the United Kingdom and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Costa Rica.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

62nd plenary meeting

equitable representation on and increase in the of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

esolution (A/52/L.7)

lments (A/52/L.47)

s were made by the representatives of Singapore, Kingdom, Germany, Brazil, Indonesia, Senegal, ria, India, Algeria, Italy and the Republic of Korea.

63rd plenary meeting

ummary of the 63rd plenary meeting will appear in xt issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/236).

Committees

OMMITTEE 47th meeting

Economic and Social Council [12]

draft resolutions contained in document A/52/3

draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.28 and L.41

nittee resumed consideration of the item and the an of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), aft resolution A/C.2/52/L.41, submitted by him on informal consultations held on draft resolution 8.

nittee then adopted the draft resolution.

nt was made by the representative of Vanuatu.

lution A/C.2/52/L.28 was consequently withdrawn rs.

ndations for adoption by the General Assembly in the report of the Economic and Social Council

mittee endorsed the revisions of the General of the World Food Programme as contained in the cument E/1997/49.

mittee decided , beginning in 1998, in accordance ramme of work as recommended by the Economic Council, the report of the Council of the United ersity would be considered directly by the Second as contained in paragraph 3 of its resolution 1997/

The Committee endorsed paragraph (b) of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223, concerning the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning, contained in paragraph 240 (b) of its report (E/1997/35).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee then took note of the relevant chapters of document A/52/3 and of the reports contained in documents A/52/175-E/1997/75, A/52/203-E/1997/85, A/52/212 and A/52/354.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.23/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23/Rev.1

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23/Rev.1 was put to the vote.

A statement in explanation of vote, before the vote, was made by the representative of the United States.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 86 to 1, with 45 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote, after the vote, was made by the representative of Luxembourg, on behalf of the European Union.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The representative of Fiji informed the Committee that his delegation should have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Subsequently the representatives of Mozambique, Tunisia, Rwanda and Benin informed the Committee that had they been present during the vote, their delegations would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Germany and Greece informed the Committee that had they been present during the vote, their delegations would have been amongst those delegations abstaining.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.20 and L.37

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.37, submitted

by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.20.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.20 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the reports contained in documents A/52/560 and A/52/561.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (d).

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.19 and L.42

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.42, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.19.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.19 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (f).

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.5 and L.46

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.46, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.5.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand and the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.5 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 99 (a).

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.9 and L.44

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.44, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.9.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.5 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 99 (b).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of documents A/52/39, A/51/655-E/1996/105, A/52/114-E.1997/46, A/51/636-E/1996/104, A/52/115-E/1997/47 and A/52/457 and Add.1.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 99 as a whole.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137]

The Committee resumed its general discussion on these agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Estonia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Liechtenstein), Norway, Pakistan, India and Mexico.

The representative of Poland also made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division made a statement and responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these agenda items would begin on Monday, 8 December under the chairmanship of Mr. Sam Hanson (Canada).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1997

52nd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee concluded, in private meeting, its consideration of the third periodic report of Iraq (E/1990/6/Add.9), of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom (E/1994/104/Add.11) and of the initial report of Azerbaijan (E/1990/5/Add.30)

53rd meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee concluded its consideration and adopted the General Comment No. 8 (1997) on the relationship between economic sanctions and respect for economic, social and cultural rights.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Signature: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niue, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zimbabwe (3 December 1997)

Ratification: Canada, Ireland and Mauritius (3 December 1997)*

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989

Accession: Benin (4 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until *today*, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. as follows:

Today, 5 December "Seeds of War in Jerusalem"

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 7 December 1997.

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Human Rights Day
(10 December)

Human Rights Day on 10 December will be observed with a special programme to launch the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948-1998). Opening remarks will be given by Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, President of the General Assembly. The event will feature Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States, as the first keynote speaker. Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, will give the second keynote address. The message of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be read by Dr. Purificación Quisumbing, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Other speakers will include Mr. Philip Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Mr. Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature; H.E. Ambassador Karmalesh Sharma, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; and Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. The programme, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

Roundtable

In conjunction with the observance of Human Rights Day and the launch of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a two-day International Journalists Roundtable on Human Rights will take place on 8 and 9 December 1997 in Conference Room 6. The Roundtable, organized by the Department of Public Information, is open to media representatives only. The Roundtable will open on Monday, 8 December, at 10 a.m.. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Fareed Zakaria, Managing Editor of *Foreign Affairs*. Four half-day panel discussions will then cover various human rights issues.

Following the opening on Monday, the first panel will consider "The Media in Human Rights". The second panel on "Human Rights in Action" will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday, 9 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the third panel will address the issue of "The Right to Development". The fourth panel on "Children's rights and Women's Rights" will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact the Development and Human Rights Section, the Department of Public Information (tel.: 963-1786 or 963-3771).

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

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